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The Yucca Mountain site seems both appropriately located and adequate for retrievable storage of spent reactor fuel in the near term and for permanent storage of high-level waste in the long term. The opposition is mostly local and national politics. In contrast to some popular characterizations, Yucca Mountain is not a "dumpsite"- but is actually a scientific laboratory. Also, spent fuel is not nuclear "garbage", but an energy source awaiting future development.

It is clearly irresponsible for the USA to continue on without an appropriate repository for spent fuel. Operating the Yucca Mountain repository belatedly but finally answers the mostly political question, "what are we going to do with nuclear waste?" An obvious political motive in opposing the Yucca Mountain repository (or any other proposed solution) is to close out nuclear power by placing a "potato" over its "tailpipe".
